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My comments will be brief. I strongly support the current settlement with Microsoft and urge Judge Kotelly to bring a close to this litigation. The settlement is in the public interest which may be thought of as action that will bring about a greater public good for society. In my view the settlement achieves this noble goal. To drag the settlement out longer cannot help our economy or serve to advance innovation particularly during a time of international crisis and economic recession. If the settlement is not brought to a close the only winners will be attorneys and a few states that want more money more concessions and whose preference appears to be to punish Microsoft beyond what anyone could rationally perceive as fair. Judge Kotelly has a fair settlement to approve. I hope to see this chapter in American history brought to a close and let the courts and nation move on to the more important and threatening affairs that we currently face. There can be little doubt that nation faces far more threatening matters than Microsoft. Jeffrey Greene Professor of Political Science University of Montana.